

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
NEW ALBANY DIVISION

ANDREW A. RUTHERFORD,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	No. 4:19-cv-00241-TWP-DML
)	
KELLY, et al.)	
)	
Defendants.)	

NOTICE OF LAWSUIT AND REQUEST TO WAIVE SERVICE OF A SUMMONS

TO: 1) Nurse Kelly; 2) E. Martin; and 3) C. Bush

Why are you getting this?

A lawsuit has been filed against you, or the entity you represent, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana under the number shown above. A copy of the complaint is attached.

This is not a summons. It is a request that, to avoid expenses, you waive formal service of a summons by signing and returning the enclosed waiver. To avoid these expenses, you must return the signed waiver within 30 days from the date shown below, which is the date this notice was sent. Two copies of the waiver form are enclosed, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope or other prepaid means for returning one copy. You may keep the other copy.

What happens next?

If you return the signed waiver, it will be filed with the court. The action will then proceed as if you had been served on the date the waiver is filed, but no summons will be served on you

and you will have 60 days from the date this notice is sent (see the date below) to answer the complaint (or 90 days if this notice is sent to you outside any judicial district of the United States).

If you do not return the signed waiver within the time indicated, the court will direct that appropriate steps be taken to effect formal service in a manner authorized by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and may require you, or the entity you represent, to pay the expenses of making service.

Please read the enclosed statement about the duty to avoid unnecessary expenses.

I affirm that this request is being sent to you on behalf of the plaintiff this

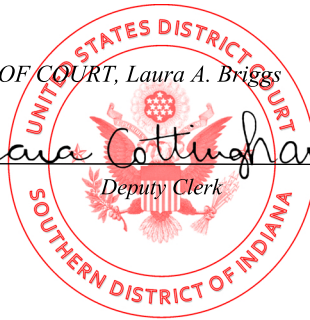
14th day of February, 2020.

CLERK OF COURT, Laura A. Briggs

BY:

Lara Cottingham

Deputy Clerk



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WAIVER OF THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Clerk of Court, Southern District of Indiana

I have received your request to waive service of a summons in this action along with a copy of the complaint, two copies of this waiver form, and a prepaid means of returning one signed copy of the form to you.

I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expense of serving a summons and complaint in this case. I understand that I, or the entity I represent, will keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive any objections to the absence of a summons or of service.

I also understand that I, or the entity I represent, must file and serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 within 60 days from the date when this request was sent (or 90 days if it was sent outside the United States). If I fail to do so, a default judgment will be entered against me or the entity I represent.

Date Signed

Signature of the Attorney or Unrepresented Party

Mailing Address

Type or Printed Name

E-mail Address

Phone Number

Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expenses of Serving a Summons

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving unnecessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who fails to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

“Good cause” does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over the defendant or the defendant’s property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 on the plaintiff and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons had been served.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date:

Distribution:

ANDREW A. RUTHERFORD
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Jeffersonville, IN 47130